



Effingham County Board  
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November 6, 2024 2:30 P.M.  
**Health and Insurance Committee Meeting**

**MINUTES**

Committee Members Present: Doug McCain, Tim Ellis, Norbert Soltwedel

Committee Members Absent:

Other Board Members Present:

Others Present: Jeff Workman, Vanessa Smith (BushueHR)

**Minutes**

- Approval of October 1, 2024 minutes. T. Ellis motioned/N. Soltwedel seconded. Unanimous. ***Motion carried.***

**Unfinished Business**

- Opioid Funding – D. McCain stated hearing attendance was disappointing with only County Board members and two members of the public in attendance. Wrap-up discussion on Sheriff's opioid funding request.

**New Business**

- FY25 Liability Coverage – V. Smith shared FY25 CIRMA liability proposal with 7.74% increase from FY24. V. Smith suggested property rates may have increased significantly due to claims in larger CIRMA pool of clients. V. Smith agrees coverages are proper and doesn't anticipate any necessary changes in coverage. V. Smith shared small increase in boiler and machinery for FY25; Increase in umbrella coverage which increases every year due to exposure increase; Cyber presented with a couple alternate coverages from Cowbell and CFC with CFC at lower cost. V. Smith recommended going with CFC as coverage is fairly comparable. Smith suggested possibly bidding for other liability coverage for the next fiscal year. N. Soltwedel cautioned a renewal may cause the county to restart committed client status through CIRMA eliminating any dividend increase. V. Smith stated she would like to watch the numbers for renewal for FY26 to determine if bidding out for the next fiscal year would be recommended. For FY25, V. Smith recommended renewal with CIRMA. V. Smith shared claims reporting and working through CIRMA has been difficult the past fiscal year, however has been getting better with time. N. Soltwedel motioned to move CIRMA FY25 liability proposal with the low-cost CFC cyber liability coverage option to the Tax and Finance committee. T. Ellis seconded. Unanimous. ***Motion Carried.***
- Public Service – Telehealth – N. Soltwedel inquired with J. Workman on options for telehealth. J. Workman stated many providers can do telehealth, but most advantageous for specialists not in the area, especially psychiatry. J. Workman to follow up on potential of psychiatry telehealth. J. Workman shared Heartland Human Services is the go-to for mental health services and wouldn't want to compete with them, however may possibly look into a joint service with Heartland.

- FY25 Meeting Schedule – T. Ellis motioned to move approval of FY25 meeting schedule to full board. N. Soltwedel seconded. Unanimous. *Motion Carried.*

#### **General Information/Public Comments**

- Health Department Update
  - State Budget/Grants – J. Workman shared three grants outstanding and found only two being accepted at this time.

#### **Adjournment**

- T. Ellis motioned/N. Soltwedel seconded that meeting be adjourned. Unanimous. *Motion Carried.*

Respectfully submitted,  
Angie Thompson, County Board Administrator